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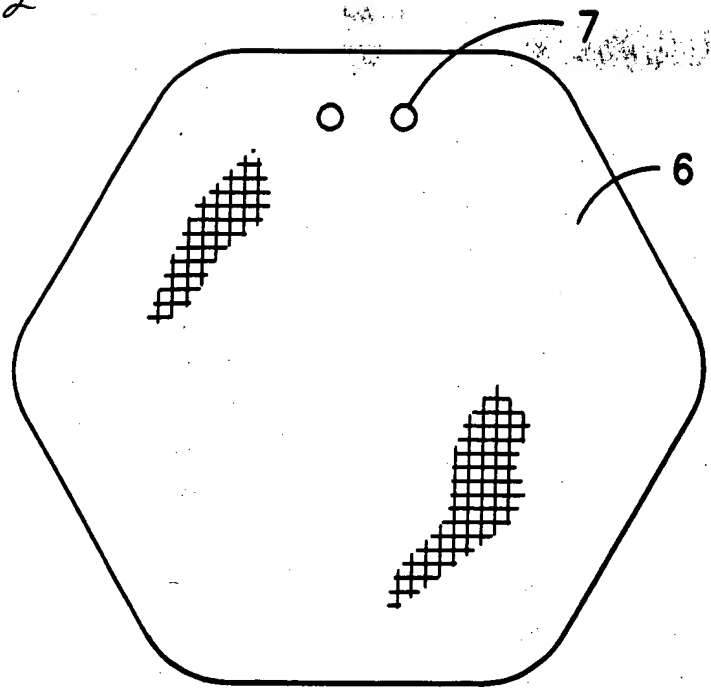


FIG. -1A-

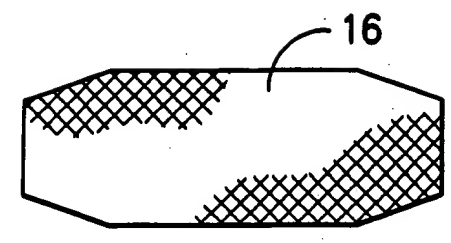


FIG. -1B-

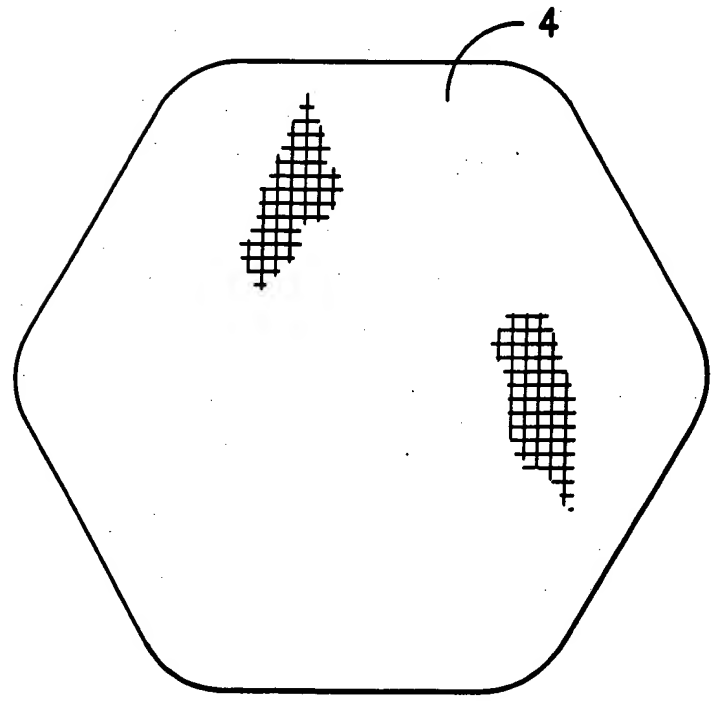


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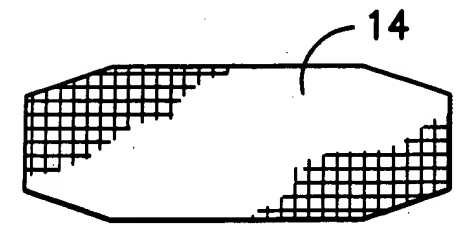


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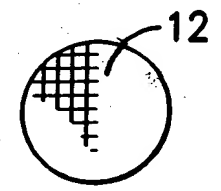


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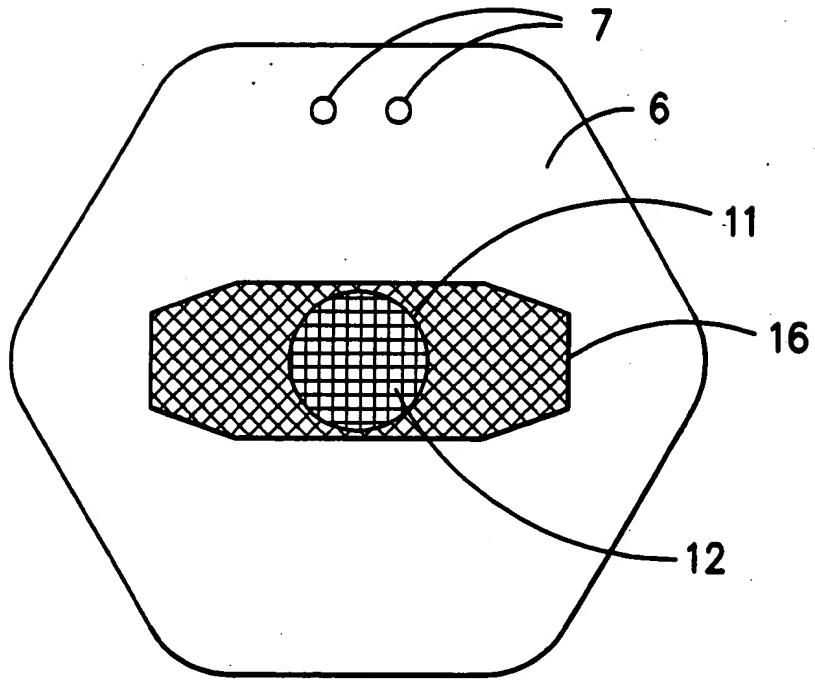


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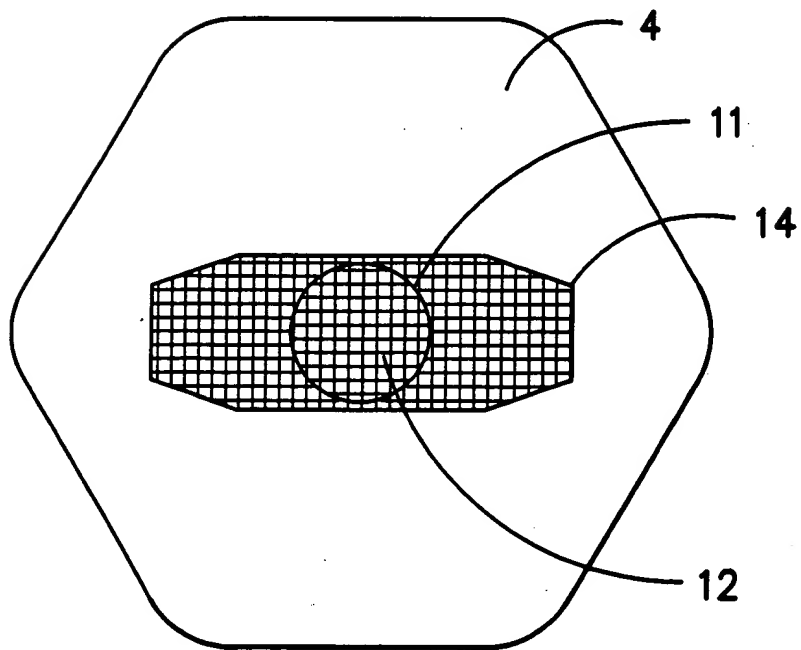


FIG. -2B-

FIG. 3A is a cross-sectional view of a device, possibly a medical device like a catheter or probe. It features a central longitudinal opening. The device has a rounded, bulbous shape with a central opening. The opening is divided into two main sections by a vertical line. The left section contains a cross-hatched area labeled 16. The right section contains a cross-hatched area labeled 14. A dashed rectangular area labeled 18 is located in the center of the opening. The outer boundary of the device is labeled 4. The inner boundary of the opening is labeled 6. The central opening is labeled 12. The cross-hatched areas are labeled 16 and 14. The dashed rectangular area is labeled 18.

FIG. -3C-

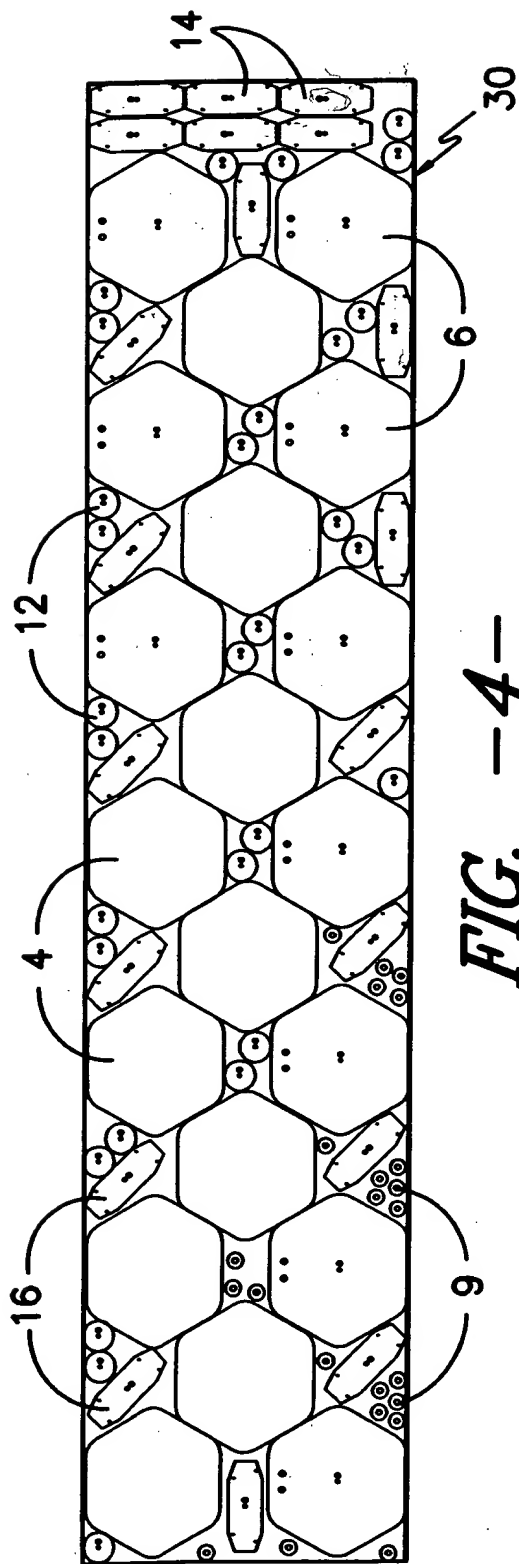


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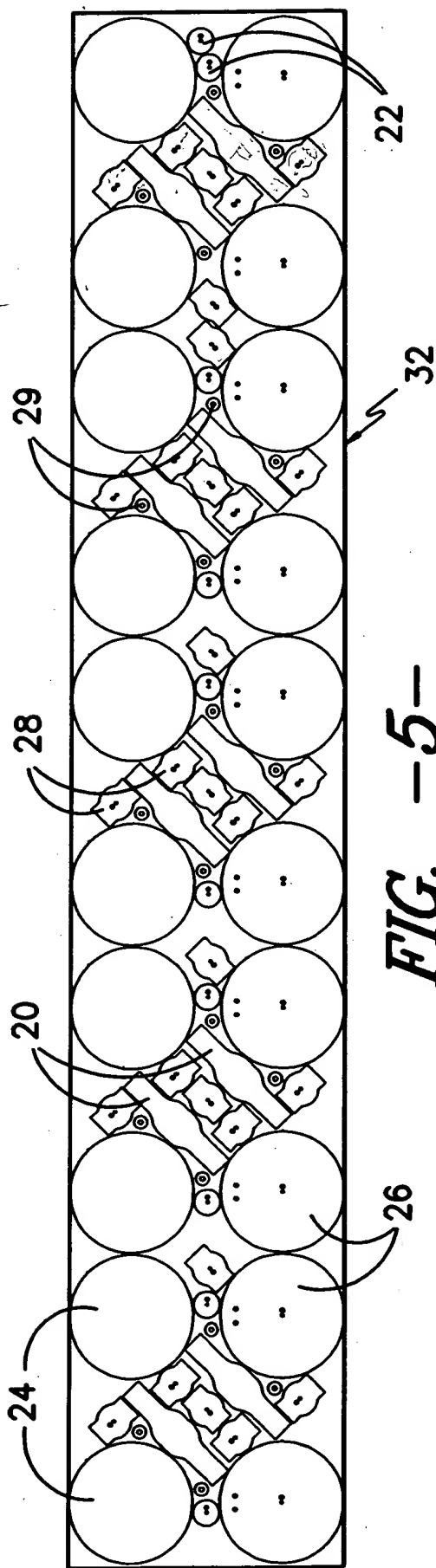


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